

**Subject:** Math Dept 2009-2010 master schedule concerns

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AC,

I would like to schedule a meeting with you next week including Lenny regarding planning for next year's math department schedule. First, how many 8th graders can we expect? We have serious concerns about the readiness of Integrated Math students moving onto Algebra 1. We didn't meet AYP in math last year in a couple of sub areas. We know that many students are coming to us unprepared for high school because of the math level they are taking at middle school. NPMS has not made AYP. Fewer freshmen are taking geo/trig. Our geometry sections have increased from 2-4 sections and geo/trig sections have decreased from 7 to 4 over the last couple years. We are dealing with and teaching students we now have to the best of our ability and trying to maintain standards. We need help in the classroom! We need administration to advocate for more para professionals in a classroom which is full of 504 and IEP students. Tutoring after school can only do so much for students who are far behind and frankly students are not using this service. Immediate interventions need to happen during the school day in the classroom. This means we need more adults in the classroom assisting students and managing behavior. We also need to address the loss of two math sections this year due to dropping computer programming and accounting and adding a third section by having the dept chair teach an additional class. This practice, as I have said before, is only a bandaid to a deep cut which is not healing.

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